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Attachments/Forms:

Dear PCC/PCP Provider,

This transmittal provides clarification regarding CCT 10-08. Effective December 1, 2010, children who are designated as medically fragile and placed with a PCC/PCP will be evaluated during their scheduled utilization reviews to determine a level of care assignment (LOC). The process for determining the LOC will be conducted by the Medical Support Section and/or other designated staff in conjunction with the Children's Review Program. The appropriate level of care will be based on the child's medical diagnosis, medical needs, and behavioral issues. The LOC will range from LOC III to LOC V, depending on the factors listed above. According to 922 KAR 1:360, a child assigned an LOC III requires a structured, supportive environment where the level of supervision and support may vary from low to moderate, while a child assigned an LOC V requires a specialized setting that provides safe and effective care for a severe, chronic medical condition, behavioral disorder, or emotional disturbance. A medically fragile child with a severe and chronic medical condition could remain an LOC V, while a medically fragile child whose medical condition is not considered severe and chronic may be assigned an LOC III or IV. A child's behavioral issues will continue to be considered when determining the LOC.

The medical fragile designation and LOC will be reviewed at least every six months during the Individual Health Plan meeting. If the child's medical condition has improved, that will be considered in determining the appropriate LOC.

If you have questions concerning this process, please contact Julie.Cubert@ky.gov.

Thank you for your continued commitment to serve our medically fragile children.

Sincerely,

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